Project Manager – Water for Tomorrow

Location: Home-based, with regular travel across Eastern England

Salary: c£45k per annum plus a competitive benefits package

Full time, 37 hours per week (flexible working possible)

The opportunity

A fantastic opportunity has arisen for an experienced Project Manager to join the Water Resources East team to lead the ground-breaking Water for Tomorrow (WfT) project. Water for Tomorrow is a new EU funded project, led by The Rivers Trust and co-delivered with the Environment Agency and partners in Eastern England and Northern France. The project will work across five different catchments in the UK and France, including the East Suffolk, Cam and Ely Ouse and Broadland Rivers.

Your role will be to lead Water Resources East's input into this partnership project, including management of a technical programme focussed on the preparation of catchment based multi-sector water resource management plans for planning units in the three UK catchments, and the design and implementation of a related Catchment Management System, capable of applying a series of "catchment rules" to manage the abstraction and use of water in water scarce catchments.

About you:

We are expecting that our Project Manager - Water for Tomorrow will have the following knowledge, skills and experience:

- Strong programme and project management skills
- Excellent data management and analytical skills
- Demonstrable understanding of water resource modelling techniques
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Proven stakeholder engagement and partnership working experience
- Postgraduate qualification in a water resources related discipline
- Working towards or achieved Chartered status

About Water Resources East:

Water Resources East (WRE) was formed in 2014 by Anglian Water, who were keen to learn from international best practice on how to develop a more collaborative approach to

water resource management planning in a region under significant pressure due to population growth and economic ambition, the need for enhanced environmental protection and significant climate change impacts. In June 2019, Water Resources East became an independent legal entity (a Company Limited by Guarantee), and a new multi-sector Board of Directors was formed along with a new membership model.

Water Resources East (WRE) Ltd now operates as an independent, inclusive, collaborative, exploratory and forward-thinking membership organisation, working with over 200 organisations. Over the next two years we will be working to develop a single, multi-sector best value adaptive Regional Plan for water management across Eastern England. We will do this through a detailed co-creation, engagement and collective decision-making process with key national, regional and local stakeholders, including regulators and policy-makers. To learn more, visit https://wre.org.uk/ or follow us on LinkedIn or @WaterREast on Twitter.

How to apply

Please send us your CV along with a covering letter telling us why you think you will be particularly suited for this important role; please send these to contact@wre.org.uk, marked for the attention of Kirsty Goddard-Holmes.

The closing date for applications will be **Friday 21st May 2021**. We will hold interviews (via Zoom or similar) in early June. We would expect the successful candidate to be able to start as soon as possible.

Water Resources East is an Equal Opportunity Employer

We believe that equal opportunity means inclusion, diversity and fair treatment for all. Our commitment to diversity and inclusion includes the recognition that our work and the success of our organisations is best advanced by the leadership and contributions of people of diverse backgrounds, beliefs and culture.

We are passionate and committed to the learning and development of our people, making sure they have the right skills and knowledge to be successful and to help achieve their potential. We take the health, safety and wellbeing of our colleagues very seriously in everything that we do.

If you are offered a job with us you'll be subject to the relevant/standard employment checks, including: your right to work in the UK, references, driving licence and identity check.

Full Job Description for the Project Manager – Water for Tomorrow (WfT)

1). Leading on implementation of the WRE WfT workplan, including management of the process for appointing contractors to deliver the required technical works. In summary, the technical work will include:

- Preparation of catchment based multi-sector water resource management plans for planning units in the Broadland, East Suffolk and CamEO catchments
- Design and implementation of a related Catchment Management System, capable of applying a series of "catchment rules" to manage the abstraction and use of water in water scarce catchments

2). Managing quality assurance and control in respect of the WRE WfT project and its outputs.

3). Shared responsibility for a budget of c£0.5m (with WRE's Technical Manager).

3). Preparing and submitting the information required to report progress and make claims. This will involve using the Interreg EMS reporting system and liaising with the WRE WfT First Level Controller (FLC).

4). Leading on WRE engagement with WfT partners and stakeholders in the Broadland, East Suffolk and CamEO catchments, and sharing learning with partners in Northern France.

5). Supporting WRE's Technical Manager in ensuring that the WfT project aligns with other WRE projects in the region, including the Norfolk Sustainable Water Management Plan, and that learning is disseminated more broadly, including within WRE's Regional Plan.